(ii) The output of the Government of India Security Presses not being in keeping with the equirement.

(d) and (e) Government of India Security Presses have been moved for the optimum production and arrangements hove been made for printing the rest in private Security Presses.

Opening of New Post Offices in Punjab

5422. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of post offices opened in Punjab during the last three years, district-wise;

(b) how many proposals have been received by Government for opening of new post offices in the border areas of the state during the next two years;

(c) by when these post offices would be opened; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The total number of post offices opened in Punjab during the last three years, district-wise, is annexed as statement. (See below)

(b) Seven proposals have been received for opening of new post offices in the border areas of Punjab State.

(c) and (d) Post Offices are opened progressivley under Annual Plans and as such no time limit can be given These will be approved for opening subject to fulfilment of departmental norms and availability of resources.

Statement

Number of post offices opened during the last three years in Punjab, district-wise

S. No.	Name of district	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
1	Amritsar	3	..	..
2	Bhatinda	6	1	..
3	Fatehgarh Sahib	..	..	..
4	Faridkot	5	1	..
5	Gurdaspur	1	..	1
6	Ferojpur	2	1	..
7	Hoshiarpur	3	..	..
8	Jalandhar	..	..	..
9	Kapurthala	..	..	..
10	Ludhiana	4	1	..
11	Mansa	..	..	..
12	Patiala	1	1	2
13	Ropar	3	1	..
14	Sangrur	3	2	..
	Total :	31	8	3